

important for programs and prime contractors to provide increased opportunities for small business not only because it is a congressional requirement, but also because small businesses can provide an efficient and innovative source of new capability. He stressed that his office was committed to work with programs and offered his assistance in meeting small business objectives.

Day 2 Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Daniel Goldin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), provided the Day 2 luncheon address. Goldin presented a very candid assessment of contracting issues in NASA and throughout the federal government. He also discussed the re-

structuring and downsizing efforts within NASA and gave a status report on the transformation of NASA's mission design and acquisition processes.

Following Goldin's presentation, Gansler moderated a panel of the Service Acquisition Executives:

- David Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)
- Paul J. "Page" Hooper, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology)
- William J. Schaefer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), substituting for Lee Buchanan,

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition)

- Lawrence Delaney, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition).

After individual opening remarks, panel members answered questions from the conference attendees. Gansler closed the conference with thanks to the conference planning team, presenters, and all the attendees for making this another very successful PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' Conference.

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DoD HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

USERS GROUP CONFERENCE 2000

The DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program (HPCMP) Users Group Conference will be held in Albuquerque, N.M., June 5-9, 2000.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense is investing a significant amount of funding in high performance computing to provide the U.S. military with a technological advantage to support warfighting requirements. The DoD HPCMP provides advanced hardware, computing tools, and training to DoD researchers utilizing the latest technology to aid their mission in support of the warfighter. The incorporation of high performance computing into the system design process allows the United States to maintain its technological supremacy in weapons systems design into the foreseeable future. The use of high

performance computing in the early stages of the system acquisition process aids in decreasing the total life cycle costs of fielding new warfighting support systems.

The program has three initiatives:

- High Performance Computing Centers – Major Shared Resource Centers and Distributed Centers
- Networking – Defense Research and Engineering Network
- Software – Common High Performance Computing Software Support Initiative

This program is under the cognizance of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology.

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